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9	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING				
10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA				
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3009-193				
13	VICTORIA NOELLE SECRERIAT, a.k.a. VICTORIA SECRERIAT ACCUSATION				
14	209 S. Stephanie Street, Suite B #203 Henderson, NV 89012				
15	Registered Nurse License No. 639411				
16	Respondent.				
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18	Complainant alleges:				
19	<u>PARTIES</u>				
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21	solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing				
22	("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs.				
23	2. On or about July 6, 2004, the Board issued Registered Nurse License				
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25	Respondent's registered nurse license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the				
26	charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2010, unless renewed.				
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#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 3. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 4. Code section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under Code section 2811, subdivision (b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.
  - 5. Code section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action . . .

#### **COST RECOVERY**

6. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

### **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

### (Disciplinary Action by the Nevada State Board of Nursing)

7. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent was disciplined by the Nevada State Board of Nursing (hereinafter "Nevada Board"), as follows:

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1	In or about May 2008, pursuant to the Agreement for Probation in the disciplinary proceeding				
2	titled In the Matter of Victoria Secreriat Licensed Professional Nurse Nevada License No.				
3	RN 36178, Case No. 1135-07C, the Nevada Board revoked Respondent's license to practice				
4	professional nursing in that state. The revocation was stayed and Respondent was placed on				
5	probation for three (3) years on terms and conditions. Respondent admitted that in or about				
6	October 2007, while working as a registered nurse at a Nevada hospital, she removed narcotics				
7	from the Pandora system and failed to document administration or wastage of the narcotics.				
8	Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of the Nevada Revised Statutes 632.320 (7),				
9	unprofessional conduct, and Nevada Administrative Code 632.890 (16), failing to properly				
10	document controlled substances. A true and correct copy of the Agreement for Probation is				
11	attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.				
12	<u>PRAYER</u>				
13	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein				
14	alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:				
15	1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 639411, issued				
16	to Victoria Noelle Secreriat, also known as Victoria Secreriat;				
17	2. Ordering Victoria Noelle Secreriat, also known as Victoria Secreriat, to				
18	pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of				
1.9	this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;				
20	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.				
21	DATED: 315109.				
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24	RUTH ANN TERRY, M.P.H., R.N. Executive Officer				
25	Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs				
26	State of California				
27	Complainant				

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**EXHIBIT A** 

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER NO. 0710029** 

# ORIGINAL

#### BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF

RESPONDENT

VICTORIA SECRERIAT

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

NEVADA LICENSE NO. RN36178

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AGREEMENT FOR PROBATION

CASE NO. 1135-07C

This Agreement is hereby entered into between VICTORIA SECRERIAT, (RESPONDENT) and the NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING, (BOARD).

It is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between the parties to the above-entitled matter, that the following statements are true:

- 1. Respondent is aware of, understands, and has been advised of the effect of this Agreement, which Respondent herein has carefully read and fully acknowledges. No coercion has been exerted on the Respondent. Respondent acknowledges her right to an attorney at her own expense. The Respondent has had the benefit at all times of obtaining advice from competent counsel of her choice.
- 2. Respondent understands the nature of the allegations under investigation by the Nevada State Board of Nursing. Respondent freely admits that on or about October 2007, while working as a Registered Nurse at a Nevada Hospital, she removed narcotics from the Pandora system and failed to document administering the narcotics, and failed to document wasting the narcotics. Respondent acknowledges this conduct constitutes a violation of the Nevada Revised Statutes 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct; and Nevada Administrative Code 632.890 (16) failing to properly document controlled substances. Respondent further acknowledges that such acts and admissions subject her to disciplinary action by the Board.
- 3. Respondent is aware of the Respondent's rights, including the right to a hearing on any charges and allegations, the right to an attorney at her own expense, the right to examine

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witnesses who would testify against her, the right to present evidence in her favor and call witnesses on her behalf, or to testify herself, the right to contest the charges and allegations, the right to reconsideration, appeal or any other type of formal judicial review of this matter, and any other rights which may be accorded to her pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Procedures Act and the provisions of Chapter 632 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code. Respondent agrees to waive the foregoing rights upon acceptance of this Agreement by the Board.

- 4. Respondent understands that the Board is free to accept or reject this Agreement, and if rejected by the Board, a disciplinary proceeding may be commenced.
- 5. Should the Agreement be rejected by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration by the Board of such proposed Agreement, shall not disqualify the Board, or any of its members, from further participation, consideration, adjudication or resolution of these proceedings, and that no Board member shall be disqualified or challenged for bias therefore.
- 6. If, after notice and hearing, Respondent is found to have violated the terms or conditions of probations, the Board may revoke probation for Respondent and carry out the disciplinary order of revocation set forth herein. The Board shall have continuing jurisdiction over any petition to revoke probation filed against Respondent until such matter is final.
- 7. This Agreement shall only become effective when both parties have duly executed it and unless so executed, this Agreement will not be construed as an admission.
- 8. This Agreement shall not be construed as excluding or reducing any criminal or civil penalties or sanction or other remedies that may be applicable under federal, state or local laws.
- 9. This Agreement shall cover any nursing license and/or certificate issued by the State of Nevada.
- 10. Based upon the foregoing stipulations and recitals, it is hereby agreed that the Board may issue the following decision and order:

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#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Nevada Licensed Professional Nurse, license number RN36178, issued in the name of VICTORIA SECRERIAT, be revoked, provided, however, that the execution of the order of revocation is stayed, and the license is placed on probation (RESTRICTED LICENSURE) for a minimum of three (3) years with the following terms and conditions:

### 1. EDUCATION AND/OR REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS

Respondent, within the first twelve (12) months of this Agreement, shall take, and successfully complete the following course(s):

- a. Legal ethics in nursing for a minimum of 30 contact hours; and
- b. Documentation in nursing for a minimum of 30 contact hours; and
- c. The Nevada Nurse Practice Act web based course; and
- d. Medication administration for a minimum of 30 contact hours.

The courses must be pre-approved by the Executive Director, or the Compliance Coordinator. Documentation of successful course completion must be submitted to the Board within twelve (12) months of the execution of this Agreement.

# 2. <u>ABSTINENCE FROM ALCOHOL, MOOD ALTERING DRUGS,</u> <u>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES</u>

Respondent shall abstain from the use of alcohol and all mood-altering drugs and controlled substances except when absolutely required for documented medical treatment. All other methods of alternative treatment must be tried first. Failure of the alternative treatment must be documented in the Respondent's health care record prior to use of any mood-altering drugs. A health care professional legally authorized by law, who has knowledge of the disease of addiction, must prescribe any mood-altering medications. This treatment must be reported to the Board, in writing, within seven (7) days, accompanied by the documentation described above. The Board, or its authorized representative, may require additional treatment until Respondent documents sobriety after periods of prescribed mood-altering drug use. Failure to provide health care records to the Board may be considered a violation of this Agreement.

# 3. SUBMISSION TO URINE, BLOOD, OR OTHER TESTS FOR DRUGS OF ABUSE

Respondent shall submit to random urine, blood or other tests for drugs of abuse and/or alcohol when requested by her counselor, supervisor, or representative of the Board; however, these tests shall occur no less than twelve (12) times per year. Respondent shall register with the Board approved urine drug-screening program and, if necessary, cause her physician to write a standing order for testing for alcohol and drugs of abuse. These tests shall be treated as forensic specimens and submitted to a Board-approved laboratory. Respondent shall cause the results to be given to the requesting party and the Board. Any confirmed positive finding shall be reported immediately to the Board. Changes in frequency of tests may be approved by the Compliance Coordinator and/or the Disability Advisory Committee.

# 4. WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing of, and prior to, any change of address.

# 5. <u>LICENSE MARKED "RESTRICTED" AND RETURN OF UNMARKED</u> LICENSE

Respondent shall have her license marked "Restricted" through out the probationary period.

Upon receipt of the marked license, Respondent shall immediately return her unmarked license to the Board office.

# 6. ATTENDANCE AT A BOARD MEETING MANDATORY

Respondent shall, during the first year of this Agreement, attend a minimum of one meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing during which disciplinary hearing are held. This shall not include any meeting at which her own case is considered.

### 7. TIME EARNED OFF PROBATION

Respondent shall only receive credit toward service of her probation period while employed in a capacity for which nursing licensure/certification is required and subject to adequate supervision approved by the Board.

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### 8. WRITTEN EMPLOYMENT SITE APPROVAL BY BOARD STAFF

The Board shall approve all employment sites (changes in specialty and/or work site or unit, including changes within the same facility or under the same employer) requiring a nursing license/certificate <u>prior to commencement of work.</u> Approval is given through the Executive Director, or the Compliance Coordinator. Registration with a Board approved urine drug-screening program is required prior to commencement of employment.

# 9. WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT TO BOARD

Respondent is required to notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after commencement or termination of any nursing employment. Any notification regarding termination shall contain a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding it.

### 10. DIRECTION BY A REGISTERED NURSE

Respondent shall be employed in a setting in which direction is provided by a Registered Nurse. Direction shall mean: the intermittent observation, guidance and evaluation of the nursing practice by a licensed professional nurse who may only occasionally be physically present; the degree of direction needed shall be determined by an evaluation of the patient care situation, and the demonstrated proficiency of the Respondent.

# 11. RESTRICTION FROM FUNCTIONING IN A SUPERVISORY ROLE

Respondent may not function as a supervisor, including as a head nurse or charge nurse for a minimum of one (1) year and unless approved by the Compliance Coordinator and/or the Disability Advisory Committee.

# 12. ACCESS TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Respondent shall have no access to controlled substances during her employment as a licensed nurse until all educational requirements have been successfully met and until specifically authorized by the Compliance Coordinator and/or the Disability Advisory Committee.

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Respondent shall not work more than ninety (90) hours in nursing in a two (2) week period. Changes in hours may be approved by the Compliance Coordinator and/or the Disability Advisory Committee.

#### SUBMISSION OF AGREEMENT TO IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR 14.

Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Agreement to her employer and immediate supervisor prior to commencement of work.

### INITIAL SUPERVISOR REPORTS (DUE PRIOR TO BEGINNING 15. EMPLOYMENT)

Respondent shall cause her nursing supervisor (the person who is directly responsible for everyday nursing functions) to submit a written report prior to the commencement of employment. A form is provided for this report. A report shall be submitted by each additional or subsequent supervisor during the entire probationary period and shall be due prior to the commencement of employment.

#### 16. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Respondent shall cause her nursing supervisor (the person who is directly responsible for everyday nursing functions) to submit quarterly written reports to the Board addressing work attendance, reliability, ability to carry out assigned nursing functions, ability to handle stress (change in behavior patterns), and any other information the employer or supervisor feels wouldassist the Board in its ultimate review of Respondent's case. The supervisor shall include notification of any infractions of laws that come to her attention, and any other relevant information.

#### 17. SELF REPORTS

Respondent shall submit reports, whether working or not, on her progress, her ability to handle stress, her mental and physical health, her current job duties and responsibilities, her ability to practice nursing safely, and any changes in her plan for meeting the stipulations of this Agreement.

#### 18. REPORT DUE DATES

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Respondent shall cause all reports to be in writing and submitted directly to the Board on a monthly basis whether working or not unless otherwise specified. These reports shall begin one (1) month subsequent to the execution of this Agreement and are due no later than the last day of the month. It is the obligation of the Respondent to ensure that all written reports are on time. The failure to submit the reports on time may be considered a violation of this Agreement. Changes in the frequency of reporting may be approved by the Executive Director or the Compliance Coordinator and/or the Disability Advisory Committee.

### 19. ATTENDANCE AT ORIENTATION MANDATORY

Respondent shall attend an orientation meeting to facilitate understanding and accountability of the terms and conditions of this Agreement/Order as scheduled by the Compliance Coordinator. Failure to attend this orientation will be considered a violation of this Agreement/Order.

# 20. REQUIREMENT TO MEET WITH THE BOARD OR STAFF UPON REQUEST

Respondent shall meet with the Board or its representatives upon request and shall cooperate with representatives of the Board in their supervision and investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

# 21. <u>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND MONITORING FEES (DUE MONTHLY)</u>

Respondent shall be financially responsible for all requirements of this Agreement, including any financial assessments by the Board for the cost of monitoring her compliance with this Agreement. Respondent may be assessed a late fee for monitoring fees that are received more than ten (10) calendar days after the due date.

# 22. REQUIRED NOTIFICATION OF OTHER STATES OF LICENSURE AND/OR CERTIFICATION

Respondent shall, upon execution of this Agreement, provide a copy of this Agreement to any other state Board of Nursing in whose jurisdiction she has been issued a nursing license/certificate (current or not). Respondent shall also provide a copy of this Agreement to

any other regulatory agency in whose jurisdiction she has applied or will apply for a license/certificate.

# 23. <u>VIOLATIONS TO BE REPORTED TO BOARD WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO</u> (72) HOURS

Respondent shall practice in accordance with the Nurse Practice Act and Board established Standards of Practice. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, employer policy or contracts, and orders of the Board, pertaining to the practice of nursing in this state. Any and all violations shall be reported by the Respondent to the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours. It is the Respondent's responsibility to resolve with the Executive Director, or the Compliance Coordinator any confusion regarding what laws pertain to nursing.

# 24. CONSEQUENCES OF FURTHER VIOLATIONS INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT; AGREEMENT TO SURRENDER LICENSE AND/OR CERTIFICATE

Respondent acknowledges that if she should violate one or more of the terms of restricted licensure/certification, the Board may revoke, or invoke other appropriate discipline against her license/certificate to practice nursing, subject only to the requirement that the Board shall, prior to such disciplinary action, conduct a hearing in accordance with the Nevada Nurse Practice Act for the limited purpose of establishing that there has, in fact, been a violation of the stipulations of this Agreement. In the event that a violation of the stipulations is alleged, Respondent agrees to surrender her license/certificate to the Executive Director, or the Compliance Coordinator, if they so request, and refrain from practicing nursing until entry of a final order of the Board or a court of competent jurisdiction, whichever last occurs, regarding a potential violation.

# 25. REPORTING TO NATIONAL DISCIPLINARY DATA BANKS

This agreement will become part of the Respondent's permanent record, will become public information, will be published with the list of disciplinary actions the Board has taken, and may be reported to any national repository which records disciplinary action taken against licensees or holders of certificates; or any agency or another state which regulates the practice of nursing. The Agreement may be used in any subsequent hearings by the Board.

### 26. TERMINATION OF PROBATION

Upon completion of the stipulations of this Agreement, Respondent shall apply for termination of probation and issuance of unrestricted licensure/certification on forms supplied by the Board.

Respondent shall meet with the Compliance Coordinator and/or the Disability Advisory Committee for evaluation of compliance and recommendation for termination of probation. The probation shall continue until terminated by the Board.

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING retains jurisdiction in this case until all conditions have been met to the satisfaction of the Board.

	Dated this 22 day of	May , 2008	$\underline{\nu}$
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RESPONDENT VICTORIA SECRERIAT

Dated this 22 day of Moy 2008

Tracy Singh, Esq. /

Accepted and approved this 21st day of May, 2008

MEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Ву:

Helen Vos, MS, RN Board President